Sl.	Name of the companies	Nature of allegations
3	M/s Premier Tyres, Kalamassery, Kerala.	within the meaning of section 2 (0)of the MRTP Act.
4	M/s Appolo Tyres, chalakudy, Kerala	
5	M/s J.K. Industries Ltd., Udaipur.	(ii) Manipulation of prices of different types of tyres in such a manner as to impose on the consumers unjustified costs which is a restrictive trade practice within the meaning of section 2(0) of the MRTP Act.
6	M/s CEAT Tyres, Bombay.	
7	M/s Bombay Tyres, Bombay.	
8	M/s MRF Goa.	
9	M/s Vikrant Tyres Ltd., Mysore.	
10	M/s Dunlop India Ltd., Shahganj (W.B.)	(iii) Manipulation of concitions of delivery for effecting the flow of supply in the market in respect of tyres in such a manner as to impose on the consumers unjustified costs or restrictions which is also a restrictive trade practice within the mearing of section 2(0) of the MRTP Act.
11	M/s Dunlop (I) Ltd., Ambattu, Madras.	
12	M/s India Tyres Rubber Co. coimbatore. Madras.	
13	M/s MRF, Tiruvettiyur, Madras.	
14.	M/s MRF Inchapudur.	(iv) Discriminetory discounts, rebates, or concessions which is a restrictive trade practice U/s 33(1) (e) of the MRTP Act.

Levy Cement

677. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cement industry is demanding rise in levy price of cement; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the cost of production per tonne of cement in India and other advanced cement producing countries;

(c) what is CIF value of imported cement and the sale price of levy as well free sale cement produced in the country;

(d) what is the connected policy with regard to imports, distribution and pricing of cement; and

(e) whether this policy applies to all the varieties of cement as defined in Cement Control Order, 1967 or only to grey portland cement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received from the Cement Manufacturers' Association seeking increase in the retention price of levy cement by Rs. 36.37 per tonne till January, 86 and again by Rs. 11.18 per tonne in September, '86. The increase sought has been on account of cost escalation in power tariff, price of coal, movement of coal by railways, increase in wages etc.

(b) As per the assessment made by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices in December, 1985, the direct cost of production of naked cement (excluding depreciation, interest on loans and return on capital) on normative basis worked out to approximately Rs. 310 per tonne. Information in other advanced cement producing countries is not available in-as-much as cost of production of cement is a function of various factors including the scale of operation and the cost of various

inputs like raw material, fuel and power. Comparison of international cost and prices will be relevant only if such factors operating in Indian plants are similar to those prevailing abroad.

(c) The information is given in the attached Statement-I. (*See* below).

(d) Information is given in the attached Statement-II. (*See* below).

(e) The policy of Government applies to all varieties of cement as defined in Cement Control Order, 1967.

Statement-I

CIF value of imported cement

In recent months, no contract has been entered into for import of cement in the country. As such, current cif value of imported cement is not available.

Levy Cement

The sale price of levy cement in respect of Ordinary Portland Cement and Pozzolana Portland Cement is Rs. 833.99 per tonne and Rs. 838.99 per tonne respectively, which is inclusive of excise duty and packing charges, but exclusive of central sale tax, local sale tax and other local levies, which vary from place to place.

Free Sale Cement

There is no price control on non-levy cement. Actual market price fluctuates from place to place and on day to day basis. The Cement Manufacturers' Association have, however, fixed an upper ceiling for free sale cement as under:—

Kerala, Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir, Assam and North Eastern States....Rs. 69 per bag

Other States .... Rs. 64 per bag

The above prices are inclusive of dealers' margin, central sale tax and freight upto 20 Kms. from the last rail head of the destination but are exclusive of local sales tax and other local levies.

Statement-II

Import of Cement

Under the current import policy, import of cement including clinker but excluding oil well cement required by ONGC and Oil India, Limited, will be made by the State Trading Corporation of India under OGL, on the basis of foreign exchange released by the Government in its favour. The import distribution and pricing will be made by the STC, as per the connected policy of the Government in the Ministry of Industry.

In view of the improved availability of cement in the country, Government at present, has no plan to import cement.

Distribution and pricing of cement

After the introduction of the scheme of Partial decontrol of cement with effect from 28-2-82, there are two categories of cement *viz.* Levy Cement and Non-Levy Cement available to the consumers. While levy cement is subject to pricing and distribution control, non-levy cement is free from such control and the producers of cement have to give a part of their production for sale as levy cement.

Report of Inter-ministerial Committee for development of backward areas

678. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Inter-ministerial Committee constituted to review and revise the Central Incentive Scheme for industrial dispersal and development of backward areas has been received by the Government;